been the Count d'Artols' doing. The departure of Necker was the signal of explosion. His bust and that of the Duke d'Orleans were paraded round the town, and they were called *les defenseurs de la patrie !* All the theatres were closed, soldiers and populace filled the streets, fire was set to the barriers, cannons were fired, the *tocsin* sounded, and all was sedition.

The Prince de Lambesc, with his regiment, appeared on the Place Louis XV., but the troops had no orders to act; therefore, although they drove away some of the assailants, the latter very soon armed themselves *en masse*, and in less than a day they amounted to a corps of six thousand men, with M. de la Salle for their commandant. They have taken the colours of the Duke d'Orleans' livery — blue, red and white — for their cockade. They seized the arms at l'Hotel des Invalides, The Gardes Frangaises joined them, and the day before yesterday they attacked the Bastille, which they took without trouble. Poor M. de Launay, the governor, and some other officers were massacred.

They have insisted on the King's ordering

the Mar6chal de Broglie and his troops to withdraw, and he has, I fear, consented. The Duke **de** Liancourt has joined the rebel party.

The King has been to the Assemble Nationale